"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16

In this newsletter you can read about our virtue for April, Accreditation NEWS, FUN RUN, playground angels needed, Missoula Children's Theater, Catholic Daughters Education Contest winners, Yearbook purchasing open, Staffing Updates, Track Meet Schedule, No Mass Friday, Stations of the Cross and Last Supper performance, New link & new uniform company name, Box Tops for school $, parent handbook reminders, tutoring opportunities, Hosting Coffee and Donuts, Easter egg hunt, and much more!

Thank you for reading!

Peacemakers: April is Mercy

Message from Mr. Ramos on the Accreditation Visit (3/23 – 3/25)

Our accreditation visit was a remarkable success. The visiting team was impressed with our self-report, our classrooms, and the overall operation of the school. To paraphrase the team leader, Dr. Rachel Rufus, Chief of Staff for the Office of Catholic Schools in Los Angeles: *Assumption has been very transparent throughout this entire process, and that transparency is evident in classroom visits and in conversations with all stakeholders. This visit was easy to conduct because what was written in the report is exactly what we observed and heard. We have been to schools where the report in front of us does not match the school we are visiting.*

The accreditation instrument consists of four domains with thirteen standards. Assumption received a rating of 3 (meets the standard and shows expected quality) in 12 of the 13 standards, and a 2 (partially meets the standard, with progress needed) in just one. According to the team, Assumption is close to a rating of 4 in several domains and standards. An executive summary is being shared with all parents through email. I will also be placing it on our website. **Here is the link to read through the report.** Hard copies of the executive summary will also be available in the front office lobby.

Thank you,

E. Omar Ramos, Principal



Thank you very much 2026 WCEA Accreditation Team! Our principal, pastor, staff and students appreciated your hard work, time, and sacrifice away from teaching to be here at Assumption Catholic School.

Staffing Updates for 2026-27 School Year

1. Mrs. Paula Martin-Zender has made the decision to retire from her full-time fourth grade teaching position for family reasons. However, she is not ready to turn in the towel completely. She is exploring part-time positions within the school with Mr. Ramos. She is excited to serve this community in a different way yet have more time for her retired husband, grandgirls and her parents. We wish her well with her time and future adventures. Stay tuned!
2. Mrs. Karen Evans and Mrs. Jill VonFeldt have announced that their time to retire from teaching Middle School Math has arrived. We all wish them much needed rest and time for family and friends. Congratulations and thank you for all the gifts that you both shared with the school community.

We will miss all three of these wonderful teachers that have made a tremendous contribution to the students and staff in the last 20-25 years. May God bless you in retirement.



Get Ready to Run!!!!!

The 42nd Annual Ellen Anderson Fun Run is only one month away. Ellen Anderson was an amazing Assumption Catholic School volunteer. She gave selflessly of her time and talents for decades even though she did not have children who attended our school. Her actions spoke many words, and by her raising more than $1000 each year, her heart is at Assumption.

*Reminder that Fun Run TShirt Order Forms and Sponsorship Forms are due Friday April 3rd. And don't forget to work on collecting pledges over spring break. Pledge money is due by May 7th!!!

After spring break, students will start to receive their tickets as t-shirt money and pledges come into the office.

Here will be the choices for students to get excited about:

🎁 **Prize #1: Ultimate Fun & Sensory Bundle!**
Get ready for hours of interactive fun! This exciting bundle includes a light-up Gyro Wheel, Mad Mattr sensory dough, a spinner pen, and a textured sensory ball—perfect for creative play, fidgeting, and hands-on fun kids will love! ✨

🎁 **Prize #2: Ultimate Movie Pack**

The Ultimate Movie Pack is the perfect prize for a fun movie day! This pack includes two Premiere Movie Tickets and a $10 concessions gift card—grab a friend, pick your favorite movie, and enjoy popcorn and treats on the big screen! 🍿✨

🎁 **Prize #3: Ultimate Slime & Squeeze Pack**

Get messy in the best way! Whip up fun, colorful slime creations and enjoy the super squishy NeeDoh for endless fidgety fun! 🍦🌀✨

🎁 **Prize #4: Sweet Treats & Sips Pack**
Enjoy a fun Owala water bottle filled with candy surprises, plus a gift card to Mallard Ice Cream for a delicious treat—sweet, fun, and refreshing all in one! 🍬🥤🍦✨

Volunteer opportunities will be needed before and the day of the event. Check out the sign-up genius for ways to help.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA5AA23A1FEC25-62976561-world#/



Calling Playground Angels!

Volunteers at recess are a blessing for our school.

Just check out the dates and times. Thank you!

April sign up

May sign up

June sign up

Box Tops Fundraising Easy $

Today in your Wednesday envelopes we sent home a list of all the grocery items that can be purchased and redeemed for money. The company has moved to a Buy, Scan, and Redeem system. More information is on our website if you just click on the Box Tops image at the bottom of the page or here to see about using the easy app. The organization cuts a check to ACS quarterly.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' EDUCATION CONTEST RESULTS

In February, our local court, St. Aloysius #243, received all the entries from 4-8th grades. Here are the results in Poetry, Art and Photography. In each division and category, the first-place winners move on to the state level for judging. Results will be posted by end of May. Each student winner from Assumption will receive a certificate and money award. Thank you to all the students that participated.

Art Division I (4th-5th)

1st Place: Madison Roberts

Art Division II (6th-8th)

1st Place: Zoey Zimmerman
2nd Place: Madeline Dechert
3rd Place: Sophia Gage

Poetry Division I (4th -5th)

1st Place: None entered

Poetry Division II (6th-8th)

1st Place: Kate Nuetzmann
2nd Place: Hy Nguyen
3rd Place: Thomas Van Mieghem

Photography Division II (7th-8th)

1st Place: Macie Petz
2nd Place: Ilse Stark
3rd Place: Collin Dennis

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Fasting/Prayer: Good Friday is April 3rd. This is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. We are blessed to have the 6th graders perform the "Last supper" for us in the gym at 10:15am followed by the 7th graders prayerfully perform a "Live Stations" in the church. All are welcome to come and pray with us and experience those last hours with Christ through the eyes of the Apostles.

Coffee and Donuts ACS Hosting



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FAFAB2CA02-51780392-hosting#/

We have open volunteer spots on Sunday, April 12th and Sunday, May 3rd.

This is a low key, easy way to earn Church volunteer hours, School volunteer hours or middle school students can also earn service hours for this semester. Help us build community through this tradition of serving coffee and donuts after mass.

Track Season 2026

Date/Location/Time

April 16th	**Meridian High**	**4pm**
April 23rd	**Lynden High**	**4pm**
April 30th	**Lummi/ ACS Host**	**4pm**
May 7th	**Qualifier @ Ferndale High**	**4pm**
May 14th	**Championships @L. C. High**	**4pm**

PTC News



There are open spots to join the Parent Teacher Club executive board for next year.

A nomination form was sent home in your Wednesday envelopes. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our PTC President: Rafeeka Kloke @ Rafeeka@msn.com

Uniforms Can be Purchased!

1. Educational Outfitters has branched out to a larger company and is now called "Skobels". The uniform items and logo is the same just a different company supplier name. The link is on our website under Uniform Policy.
2. Land's End is our other uniform supplier and right now they are having a 25% off sale until April 13th. Check out their website if you need something to last through June.

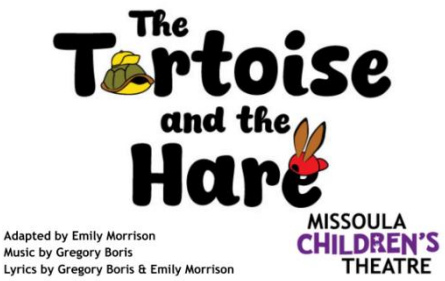
You can make a purchase from Land's End or School Outfitters(Now called Skobels). ***Here is the link to Land's End. Here is the link to Skobels***

Parent Handbook Reminders

Uniforms, including sweatshirts should be neat, clean and fitted to the student's appropriate size. Extra-large sweatshirts will be asked to be removed and not worn. **Clothes should not be "baggy" style.

**Please return all Wednesday envelopes to the office on Thursday or Friday. Best practice is to create a routine for the student and the parent. If you have lost the envelope, then let the office know and there will be a $5 replacement charge.

GET READY FOR MCT: THE TORTOISE & THE HARE



The PTC is excited to announce the return of the Missoula Children's Theatre! The performance this year is the famed story "The Tortoise and the Hare". To ensure that the performance is successful we are asking the amazing parents and faculty to assist with the following volunteer opportunities. The auditions are May 4th @ 3:15-5:15 in the Assumption gym Stafford Room.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. 1 or 2 host homes- the homes must be free of pets, smoke and student performers. The guests will need access to refrigeration for medical reasons. The home must be available May 3- May 9th. The directors will be sharing transportation – Ideally, they could be accommodated in one home.

2. We will need adult Chaperones for the rehearsal. Please sign- up with this link: MCT Volunteers!

3. Pianist – if you are musically inclined or know of someone, please refer them to me. We have the musical score in hand. The first rehearsal with accompaniment is May 6th.

Please contact Tresa Mariotto at mariocart85@gmail.com or call or text 360-927-6098.

Tutoring Opportunities for Middle School and 2-5th grades

1. "Looking to help your 7th grader feel more confident, stay on track, or even get ahead? Middle School Tuesday Tutoring is starting up again the week after Spring Break (April 14th)—a great opportunity for personalized support in a focused, encouraging environment.
   To ensure each student gets the most out of their session, please sign up by **4:00 PM on Monday, April 13th** *(or 4:00 on the Monday prior to each available session)* so teachers can prepare accordingly. Please note that we're unable to accommodate drop-ins or late registrations, so early sign-up is key! Please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAEA92FA4F9C43-58940625-middle."
2. If you have a 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student that would like to come to Tuesday "tutoring" with Mrs. Williams: contact her at bwilliams@assumption.school

Building Blocks April Edition

Hello Assumption Families,

Spring Break is almost here! While many of you may be heading off for sunshine, rest, and family time, this is one of the most productive times on campus for facilities work. With the school empty, I'm able to take on some of our larger projects—and I'd love your help to make them happen.

Over Spring Break, we'll be installing a new sound system in the gym, making lighting improvements on stage, and refreshing the stage floor. These are exciting upgrades for our students and community, and we're looking for a few skilled and strong volunteers to assist.

🔧 Volunteer Needs

We are specifically looking for help with the following:

- Monday & Tuesday (Mornings):
  Strong volunteers to help move three large plywood floor protectors so our lift can drive on them
- Monday–Wednesday:
  3–5 volunteers to assist with setting up scaffolding on the stage and helping with lighting replacement
  (Also—if you have scaffolding we could borrow, please let me know!)
- Thursday:
  Volunteers with floor refinishing experience to help buff the stage floor

☆ Perks

These are skilled labor roles, so:

- You will earn DOUBLE volunteer hours
- Lunch will be provided as a thank-you!

If you're available and willing to lend a hand, I'd greatly appreciate your support.

✉ Email: Brenna@Assumption.school
📞 Call/Text: 360-303-1125

Thank you for helping us continue to improve our school and create a better environment for our students!

Gratefully,
Brenna
Facilities Manager

Yearbook Ordering Open

Yearbooks are available to order, now through 4/24! $30 per book and it is via credit card online.

https://shop.memorybook.com
School Code: 189029M

(all users will have to register the first time they access the site)

Whatcom Catholic News

For all the news, mass times and pastor notes in Whatcom County and the Catholic Church: check out this website

https://www.whatcomcatholic.org/



Tuesday Morning Rosary Group

After Spring Break, the 8:15am rosary group will change to meet in the Stafford Room. This is open to any Assumption parent or grandparent that is dropping off students in the morning and would like to join us in praying for the school community.

The Stafford Room is on the corner of the gym on your way to the music room.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUPPLIES

An Easter egg hunt will take place after the 10am mass at Assumption.

- on Sunday April 5th.

We ask that you hold off on participating in the hunt until mass has ended around 11:15am.

- bring your own baskets or bags to collect eggs in.

There will be a collection box labeled "Easter Egg Recycling" placed near the Hope House collection bin in the gathering space and next to the office at Assumption School after Easter Sunday to recycle any plastic eggs for next year.

No School Mass: 

The next all school mass will be on April 17th, 2026, after spring break.



Peacemaker Virtue for April: Mercy

Mercy: It is why Jesus loves us. More to come.

NEW SAINT QUESTION OF THE WEEK 3.18.26

No New Question: Spring Break is upon us and Hope you have a Blessed Easter celebrating the Risen Lord.

Last Week: The answer was Solemnity of the Annunciation**. Ilse Stark** had the correct answer. She may come and spin the Wheel.

Upcoming calendar items:

April 1st – Student Ambassador interviews

April 3rd – **Good Friday**: Early Release with **NO EDP**

Prayer in the Garden and Stations of the Cross performed by 6th and 7th grade students. Begins at 10:15am

Spring Break is April 5-9th

April 11/12th – Spirit Weekend with Coffee & Donuts ACS parents hosting

April 15/16th- Menchie's Ice Cream Fundraiser

April 17th – Mother's Day Flower basket orders Due!

April 20th - Class Pictures Prek

April 21st – Class Pictures K-8th grade (Free dress only 8th grade-follow parent handbook rules for free dress)

April 22nd – PTC General Meeting

April 24th – Celebration of the Arts 6pm

April 28th – FUN RUN 1pm

May 1st- Blessed Mother Mary Crowning & Mass 8:15am

Final Reminders:

***Items for the newsletter need to be turned in/emailed to Mrs. King and Mr. Ramos by Monday at 2pm for the Wednesday Digital and/or Wednesday Envelopes. The office needs time for review and printing if needed.

- ** **Casual dress every Wednesday. Assumption tee shirts/sweatshirts, jeans or uniform pants, leggings under a skirt or dress. Swag can be worn on Wednesdays.**
- **Scouts may wear uniforms on meeting days.**
- **Middle school sweatshirts should not be too long in the sleeves or length of torso.**

